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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU PROVIDES DATA FIELDS TO BE COLLECTED UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM TRANSPARENCY DATA COLLECTION

### WC Docket No. 21-450

On November 15, 2022, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted final rules establishing the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Transparency Data Collection,<sup>1</sup> an information collection mandated by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act<sup>2</sup> and subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).<sup>3</sup> To implement the collection, the Wireline Competition Bureau, in coordination with the Commission's Office of Economics and Analytics and the Universal Service Administrative Company, is developing an online portal through which ACP participating providers will electronically submit data. As required by the PRA, and based on data fields in the online portal, on March 14, 2023, the Commission published a notice in the Federal Register seeking comment on the proposed information collection.<sup>4</sup> The notice set a comment deadline of May 15, 2023.<sup>5</sup>

To facilitate such comments, a draft of the data fields to be collected via the online portal is included as an Attachment to this Public Notice. The draft is a representative description of the information to be collected and is not intended to be a visual representation of what providers will see, the order in which they will see information, or the exact wording or directions used to collect the information.

Consistent with the direction in the Federal Register Notice, please direct PRA comments associated with the collection to Nicole Ongele, [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and [nicole.ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:nicole.ongele@fcc.gov). For further information about the ACP Transparency Data Collection, contact Eric Wu, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or by email at [Eric.Wu@fcc.gov](mailto:Eric.Wu@fcc.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> *Affordable Connectivity Program*, WC Docket No. 21-450, Fourth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 22-87 (2022).

<sup>2</sup> Pub. L. No. 117-58, § 60502(c), 135 Stat. 429, 1243 (2021).

<sup>3</sup> Pub. L. No. 104-13, 109 Stat. 163 (1995).

<sup>4</sup> FCC, Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Notice and request for comments, 88 Fed. Reg. 15716 (Mar. 14, 2023) (Information Collection Notice). The Information Collection Notice designates the collection as "FCC Form 5651." *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

## ATTACHMENT

Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Transparency Data Collection  
FCC Form 5651

Company Information					
Item #	Field Description	Field Type	Required or Optional	Field Units	Additional Information
1	Company Name	String	Required	N/A	Name of ACP participating provider.
2	SPIN	Numeric	Required	N/A	Service Provider Identification Number, assigned by USAC to a participating provider when an FCC Form 498 is filed.
3	SAC	Numeric	Required	N/A	Study Area Code, a unique number USAC assigns that identifies a company based on its service area. Companies must have at least one SAC per state in which they operate, but can have more than one SAC within a state if they have more than one service area.
4	Provider FRN	Numeric	Required	N/A	FCC Registration Number.
5	Provider website	String	Required; not applicable if no website	N/A	
6	Data Contact First Name	String	Required	N/A	Contact information for individual who is subject matter expert on company data. Can prepopulate if contact information is the same as system login credentials.
7	Data Contact Last Name	String	Required	N/A	Can prepopulate if contact information is the same as system login credentials.
8	Data Contact Email	String	Required	N/A	Can prepopulate if contact information is the same as system login credentials.
9	Data Contact Phone Number	Numeric	Required	N/A	Can prepopulate if contact information is the same as system login credentials.
10	Data Contact Phone Number Extension	Numeric	Optional	N/A	

11	Certifying Officer First Name	String	Required	N/A	
12	Certifying Officer Last Name	String	Required	N/A	
13	Certifying Officer Contact Phone Number	Numeric	Required	N/A	
14	Certifying Officer Phone Number Extension	Numeric	Optional	N/A	
15	Email of Certifying Officer	String	Required	N/A	
16	Title of Certifying Officer	String	Required	N/A	
17	E-Certification by Officer under Penalty of Perjury as to Accuracy of Data Submitted	Binary	Required	Yes/No	
18	Date of Certification by Certifying Officer	String	Required	N/A	

**Plan Information**

\*Provider must submit the following plan information for each broadband plan with ACP subscribers

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Field Description</u>	<u>Required or Optional</u>	<u>Field Type</u>	<u>Field Units</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
19	Unique Identifier	String	Required	N/A	A “unique identifier” is a machine-readable string of characters uniquely identifying a broadband plan, not containing any special characters. Where a broadband plan is associated with a broadband label under 47 CFR § 8.1(a), the unique identifier must be the same as that in the broadband label. Unique identifiers cannot be reused or refer to multiple plans. A provider must develop a new plan identifier, when a plan’s components change.
20	Service Plan Name	String	Required	N/A	
21	Fixed or Mobile Broadband Service	Categorical	Required	Fixed/Mobile/Both	

22	Legacy Plan	Binary	Required	Yes/No	Indicates whether a plan is a legacy plan: an internet service offering in which an ACP subscriber is enrolled but that a provider is not accepting new enrollment.
23	Bundle Plan	Binary	Required	Yes/No	Indicates whether a plan is a bundle plan. "Bundle" means a combination of broadband internet access service with any non-broadband internet access service offerings, including but not limited to video, voice, and text.
24	Base Monthly Price	Numeric	Required	\$USD	The term "base monthly price" means the monthly price for a broadband internet service offering that would be paid by a household enrolled in the ACP, absent the affordable connectivity benefit. The base monthly price does not include the price of any recurring monthly fees (such as fees providers impose at their discretion, or equipment rental fees), government taxes or fees, or one-time charges (such as installation charges, equipment purchase fee, etc.).
25	Base Monthly Price Introductory	Binary	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	Yes/No	Indicates whether the base monthly price is introductory. Subsequent fields require providers to identify the length of any introductory period and the post introductory base monthly price.

26	Length of Introductory Period	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans, not applicable if base monthly price is not introductory	Months	
27	Post-Introductory/Non-Discounted Monthly Price	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans, not applicable if base monthly price is not introductory	\$USD	
28	Monthly Price Requires a Contract	Binary	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	Yes/No	Indicates whether monthly price requires ACP subscriber to commit to service for a specified period of time.
29	If Contract Required, Number of Months of Contract	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans, not applicable if monthly price does not require a contract	Months	
30	Associated Equipment Required	Binary	Required	Yes/No	Indicates whether the plan requires use of any associated equipment.
31	Associated Equipment Required – Router	Binary	Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required	Yes/No	

32	Associated Equipment Required – Modem	Binary	Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required	Yes/No	
33	Associated Equipment Required – Other	Binary	Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required	Yes/No	Indicates whether plan requires associated equipment other than router or modem.
34	Associated Equipment Required – Other Description	String	Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required	N/A	Description of associated equipment required other than router or modem.
35	Associated Equipment Included in Base Monthly Cost	Binary	Required; not applicable if no associated equipment is required	Yes/No	
36	Provider Monthly Fee – Modem Rental/Lease	Numeric	Required	\$USD	
37	Provider Monthly Fee – Router Rental/Lease	Numeric	Required	\$USD	
38	Provider Monthly Fee – Combined Modem/Router Rental/Lease	Numeric	Required	\$USD	
39	Provider Monthly Fees – Federal USF Fee	Numeric	Required	\$USD	
40	Provider Monthly Fee - Network Access Fee	Numeric	Required	\$USD	
41	Provider Monthly Fee(s) – Other Amount	Numeric	Optional	\$USD	

42	Provider Monthly Fee(s) – Other Description	String	Required if provider submits data on Provider Monthly Fee -Other Amount; otherwise optional	N/A	Description of provider monthly fees other than those enumerated.
43	One-Time Fee - Installation Fee	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	\$USD	
44	One-Time Fee - Deposit	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	\$USD	
45	One-Time Fee - Activation Fee	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	\$USD	
46	One-Time Fee - Modem Purchase	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	\$USD	
47	One-Time Fee - Router Purchase	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	\$USD	
48	One-Time Fee - Combined Router/Modem Purchase	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	\$USD	
49	One-Time Fee - Termination Fee	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	\$USD	

50	One-Time Fee(s) - Other Amount	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy plans	\$USD	
51	One-Time Fee(s) - Other Description	String	Required if provider submits data on One-Time Fees - Other Amount, otherwise optional	N/A	Description of provider one-time fees other than those enumerated in above "one-time fee" fields.
52	Discounts - Automatic Payments	Numeric	Optional	\$USD	
53	Discounts - Paperless Billing	Numeric	Optional	\$USD	
54	Discounts - Military	Numeric	Optional	\$USD	
55	Discounts - Senior	Numeric	Optional	\$USD	
56	Discounts - Other Amount	Numeric	Optional	\$USD	
57	Discounts - Other Description	String	Required if provider submits data on Discounts - Other Amount, otherwise optional	N/A	Description of provider discounts other than those enumerated in above "discount" fields.
58	All-in Price without ACP	Numeric	Optional	\$USD	"All-in price without ACP" is the actual price that would be paid by an ACP subscriber absent application of the affordable connectivity benefit.
59	All-in Price with ACP (Net-Rate Charged)	Numeric	Optional	\$USD	

60	Maximum Advertised Download Speeds	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy fixed/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy mobile plans	Mbps	Mbps = megabits per second.
61	Maximum Advertised Upload Speeds	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy fixed/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy mobile plans	Mbps	
62	Minimum Advertised Upload Speeds	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy mobile/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy fixed plans	Mbps	
63	Minimum Advertised Download Speeds	Numeric	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy mobile/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy fixed plans	Mbps	

64	Mobile Technology	String	Optional for legacy plans, required for non-legacy mobile/both plans, not applicable for non-legacy fixed plans	N/A	Providers must submit the applicable technology type for mobile broadband internet service (e.g., 4G, 5G).
65	Actual Fixed Download Speed	Numeric	Optional for fixed/both legacy plans, required for fixed/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for mobile plans	Mbps	“Actual speed” means the typical upload and download speeds period for a particular speed tier, either based on Measuring Broadband America (MBA) methodology or other relevant testing data.
66	Actual Fixed Upload Speed	Numeric	Optional for fixed/both legacy plans, required for fixed/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for mobile plans	Mbps	
67	Actual Mobile Download Speed	Numeric	Optional for mobile/both legacy plans, required for mobile/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for fixed plans	Mbps	

68	Actual Mobile Upload Speed	Numeric	Optional for mobile/both legacy plans, required for mobile/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for fixed plans	Mbps	
69	Typical Fixed Latency	Numeric	Optional for fixed/both legacy plans, required for fixed/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for mobile plans	Ms	Ms = milliseconds.
70	Typical Mobile Latency	Numeric	Optional for mobile/both legacy plans, required for mobile/both non-legacy plans, not applicable for fixed plans	Ms	
71	Bundle Monthly Price (Fixed Broadband)	Numeric	Optional for fixed/both bundle plans; not applicable for other plans	\$USD	Price for fixed broadband component of bundle plans.
72	Bundle Monthly Price (Mobile Broadband)	Numeric	Optional for mobile/both bundle plans; not applicable for other plans	\$USD	Price for mobile broadband component of bundle plans.

73	Bundle - Linear Video (MPD or vMVPD) Included	Binary	Required for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans	Yes/No	Indicates whether a bundle plan includes video.
74	Bundle Monthly Price (Linear Video)	Numeric	Optional for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans	\$USD	
75	Bundle - Fixed Voice Included	Binary	Required for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans	Yes/No	Indicates whether a bundle plan includes fixed voice.
76	Bundle Monthly Price (Fixed Voice)	Numeric	Optional for bundled plans that include fixed voice; not applicable for other plans	\$USD	
77	Bundle - Mobile Voice Included	Binary	Required bundle plans, not applicable for other plans	Yes/No	Indicates whether a bundle plan includes mobile voice.
78	Bundle - Number of Mobile Voice Minutes	Numeric	Required for bundle plans that include mobile voice; not applicable for other plans	Minutes	
79	Bundle Monthly Price (Mobile Fixed Voice)	Numeric	Optional for bundled plans that include mobile voice, not applicable for other plans	\$USD	

80	Bundle - Mobile Text Included	Binary	Required for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans	Yes/No	Indicates whether a bundle plan includes text messaging.
81	Bundle - Number of Text Messages	Numeric	Required for bundle plans that include mobile text, not applicable for other plans	Number of SMS messages	
82	Bundle Monthly Price (Mobile Text)	Numeric	Optional for bundle plans that include mobile text not applicable for other plans	\$USD	
83	Bundle - Other Component(s)	String	Optional for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans	N/A	Description of components of bundle plans other than those enumerated (fixed voice, mobile voice, mobile text).
84	Bundle Monthly Price (Other Component(s))	Numeric	Optional for bundle plans; not applicable for other plans	\$USD	
85	Data Cap Type	Categorical	Required	N/A	Field requires provider to specify what sort of data cap is associated with a particular plan, if there is a cap. Options are no data cap, soft data cap (de-prioritization), soft data cap (throttling), hard data cap, multi-tiered data cap, and other data cap.
86	Data Cap Amount	Numeric	Required for plans with a data cap; not applicable if plan has no data cap	GB/month	GB/month = gigabytes per month.

87	Charges for Additional Data Usage	Numeric	Required for plans with a data cap; not applicable if plan has no data cap	\$USD/GB	\$USD/GB = Dollars per gigabyte.
<b>Subscriber Rate Information</b>					
*Provider must submit the following subscribership information for each plan with ACP subscribers for each ZIP Code in which ACP subscribers to the plan reside; i.e. providers must submit the following information for each unique plan/ZIP Code combination for which there are ACP subscribers					
<u>Item #</u>	<u>Field Description</u>	<u>Required or Optional</u>	<u>Field Type</u>	<u>Field Units</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
88	Unique Identifier	String	Required	N/A	Should match one of the unique identifiers listed in the Plan Information section.
89	Zip Code	Numeric	Required	N/A	
90	SAC	Numeric	Required	N/A	Study Area Code associated with the ZIP code for the plan/ZIP code at issue. See above Item No. 3 for more on SACs.
91	Total ACP Subscribers	Numeric	Required	Households	
92	ACP Subscribers also receiving Lifeline benefit	Numeric	Required	Households	ACP subscribers who also receive the Lifeline benefit for the plan at issue.
93	ACP Subscribers receiving Enhanced Tribal Benefit	Numeric	Required	Households	
94	ACP Subscribers also receiving ACP High-Cost Benefit	Numeric	Required	Households	ACP subscribers who also receive the high-cost benefit.

95	ACP Subscribers Hit Hard Data Cap	Numeric	Required; not applicable if plan does not have a hard data cap.	Households	Number of ACP subscribers to a plan that exceed the plan's hard data cap in most recent complete service month; only applicable if plan has a hard data cap.
96	Average GB Hard Cap Overage	Numeric	Required; not applicable if a plan does not have a hard data cap.	GB/month	GB/month = gigabytes per month. Provides must input the average data overage by ACP subscribers in the most recent complete service month. Data overage refers to data used by ACP subscriber over a data cap, in this case a hard data cap.
97	Average Hard Cap Overage Amount Paid	Numeric	Required; not applicable if a plan does not have a hard data cap	\$USD	Average amount in overage paid by ACP subscribers in the most recent complete service month with respect to a hard data cap.
98	ACP Subscribers Hit Soft Data Cap	Numeric	Required; not applicable if plan does not have a soft data cap.	Households	Number of ACP subscribers to a plan that exceed the plan's soft data cap in most recent complete service month; only applicable if plan has a soft data cap.
99	Average GB Soft Cap Overage	Numeric	Required; not applicable if a plan does not have a soft data cap.	GB/month	GB/month = gigabytes per month. Provides must input the average data overage by ACP subscribers in the most recent complete service month. Data overage refers to data used by ACP subscriber over a data cap, in this case a soft data cap.

100	Average Soft Cap Overage Amount Paid	Numeric	Required; not applicable if a plan does not have a soft data cap	\$USD	Average amount in overage paid by ACP subscribers in the most recent complete service month with respect to a soft data cap.
101	ACP Subscribers on Introductory Prices	Numeric	Optional	Households	
102	ACP Subscribers that Paid a Set-Up or Activation Fee	Numeric	Optional	Households	
103	ACP Subscribers Paying \$0 after All Non-ACP Discounts and ACP Benefit Applied	Numeric	Optional	Households	